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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: STATUS OF
JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS RESOLUTION

AMEMBASSY ROME FOR DR. MOREY, DEPUTY ASST. SEC. FOR IO:
SECSTATE FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE BUFFUM FROM
JONES

1. LATEST IN FAST-BREAKING JERUSALEM ITEM:

(A) ARABS HAVE APPROACHED CANCINO, MEXICO, AND OTHER
LA'S NOT TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT TO DELETE SANCTION PARA-
GRAPH FROM SUBJECT ARAB RESOLUTION. CANCINO, UNDER
PRESSURE, HAS DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE AMENDMENT.

(B) UNESCO AFRICAN GROUP CAUCUSED AFTERNOON OF NOV. 4
AND CAME TO NO CONSENSUS. ARABS STRESSED THEIR PAST
SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND DEMANDED QUID PRO
QUO IN SUPPORT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION TEXT AS IT
STANDS.

(C) M'BOW WORKING BEHIND SCENES HAS ENLISTED BOISSIER-
PALUN, DAHOMEYAN AMBASSADOR TO UNESCO, AND RESPECTED
PARIS LAWYER TO TRY MODERATE OPERATIVE PARAS OF ARAB
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TEXT. PALUN MET SECRETLY WITH PERMREP JONES AND

AMBASSADOR BLANKENHORN (FRG) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED
AMENDMENT PARA

2. AMENDMENT WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY AS MANY MODERATE
AFRICAN STATES, AND PERHAPS SOME LA'S, AS POSSIBLE.
PALUN AGREED EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN CO-SPONSORS.
TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO REPLACE CURRENT OPERATIVE
PARAS IS AS FOLLOWS:

"(3) INVITES THE DG TO TAKE ALL MEASURES,
NOTABLY BY REINFORCING THE PRESENCE AND ACTION OF
UNESCO IN JERUSALEM, TO ATTAIN, IN RESPECT OF THE
CULTURAL INTERESTS OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, THE
OBJECTIVES ASSIGNED BY THE RESOLUTIONS AND DE-
CISIONS INDICATED ABOVE.

"(4) REQUESTS THE DG TO REPORT TO THE EXBD AT
ITS 97TH SESSION ON THE RESULTS OBTAINED AND RE-
QUESTS THE EXBD TO STUDY, IN THE LIGHT OF THE EX-
PERIENCE ACQUIRED, THE MEANS OF COMPULSION WHICH
MAY BE PROPOSED EVENTUALLY TO THE GC AT ITS 19TH
SESSION WITH A VIEW TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHICH MERITS THE
SCRUPULOUS RESPECT

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BY ISRAEL OF THE DECISIONS OF UNESCO."

3. DELEGATION FULLY AWARE THAT "COMPULSION" (FRENCH: COERCITION) IS UNACCEPTABLE PHRASE AND WILL TRY TO REPLACE WITH WORD OR PHRASE LESS THREATENING TO ISRAELIS.

4. HOWEVER, KEY FACT WHICH WE WOULD STRESS IS THAT ABOVE LANGUAGE, EVEN WITH REFERENCE TO COMPULSION, IS FAR LESS DAMAGING AND THE ONLY REPEAT THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE WHICH NOW APPEARS POSSIBLE TO CONCRETE AND IMMEDIATE SANCTION PROPOSED IN ARAB RESOLUTION.

5. INDEED THE ARABS, DUE PRESENCE OF PLO OBSERVER MISSION, WHICH ENSURING THAT MORE MODERATE ARABS, NOTABLY LEBANON AND EGYPT) DO NOT DEVIATE FROM SANCTION LANGUAGE, ARE CERTAIN TO ARGUE VIGOROUSLY AND TO VOTE AS A BLOC AGAINST THE AFRICAN AMENDMENT.

6. THEREFORE, WHILE PERMDEL ASSUMES AFRICAN AMENDMENT AS UNACCEPTABLE TO US AS THE ORIGINAL ARAB SANCTION TEXT, PERMDEL REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE FOR THE AFRICAN AMENDMENT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO GET AFRICAN LANGUAGE PASSED, WHEN THEIR AMENDMENT VOTED UPON. US SHOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, VOTE NO ON LANGUAGE THAT ARABS WILL OPPOSE BECAUSE IT WOULD DELETE PARAGRAPH PROPOSING CONCRETE AND IMMEDIATE SANCTION OF CUTTING OFF UNESCO PROGRAMS IN ISRAEL.

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7. EVERY VOTE WILL BE CRUCIAL TO CHANCES OF AFRICAN AMENDMENT'S PASSAGE. LATIN AMERICAN AMENDMENT NOW A DEAD-LETTER.

8. ON RESOLUTION AS WHOLE, WHETHER AMENDED OR NOT, US SHOULD VOTE "NO." AFRICANS AWARE AND UNDERSTAND WHY THIS LIKELY.

9. FYI: ISRAELI DELEGATION NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF ABOVE AFRICAN LANGUAGE AND, IN OPINION PERMDEL, THEY NOT BE INVOLVED UNTIL LANGUAGE MADE PUBLIC. PERMDEL URGING EUROPEANS, WITHOUT TIPPING AFRICANS HAND AT THIS POINT, TO FOLLOW VERY FLEXIBLE COURSE, I.E., BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR POSSIBLE LANGUAGE WHICH BY FAR THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS.

10. FRG DISAPPOINTED BY ABSENCE OF VIGOROUS ISRAELI EFFORT ON THIS ISSUE, MOST NOTABLY THE APPARENTLY SLIGHT ISRAELI INTEREST IN HAVING FRG CO-SPONSOR ANY MODERATING AMENDMENT, AND THEREFORE UNWILLING TO PROCEED ON COURSE FOR WHICH ISRAELIS HAVE SLIGHT

ENTHUSIASM.

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